

Shasta County

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CITATION 01_75_16C_015_4500003_22 FOR WATER QUALITY FAILURE - PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM NO. 4500003 MEL MAR MUTUA WATER COMPANY

This letter is to inform you that the Mel Mar Mutual Water System failed to meet bacteriological domestic water quality standards for October 2016. The number of positive bacteriological samples exceeds the limits of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Article 3, Section 64426.1(b). Two of nine water samples collected between October 3 and October 7, 2016, were positive for total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one sample per month may do so.

Section 64464.1, Title 22, CCR, specifies that the Shasta County Environmental Health Division (SCEHD) shall direct the water supplier to provide public notification. For the October 2016 water quality failure, the water system shall give notices by posting a notification in conspicuous locations throughout the area served by the water system and by one or more of the following methods to reach persons not likely to be reached by the previous method: publication in local newspaper, email message to customers (employees and students), posting in the internet or by direct delivery to each customer. The enclosed notice titled "Important Information about Your Drinking Water" is the public notice that you shall give to all water users and post to fulfill the above notification requirements.

<u>Within 45 days</u> of receipt of this letter, you are required to send this office a signed statement which indicates the date the notice was posted. Completing and returning the enclosed "Certification of Completion of Public Notification" form fulfills this requirement. Please also include what corrective action was taken to prevent such failures in the future and the cause of the failure if known.

Note that Section 116577 of the California Safe Drinking Water Act provides for the Shasta County Environmental Health Division (SCEHD) to be reimbursed by the public water system for costs incurred for preparing and issuing public notifications to that system. In accordance

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with Section 116577, the water system will be billed for the preparation and issuance of this letter and notification. Approximately one 1/2-hour was spent preparing this letter and notification, and currently our costs are approximately \$65.73 per hour. You shall submit a check in the amount of \$32.87 to SCEHD.

Please call me at 530/225-5787 Monday through Friday between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Christy Gilbreath, R.E.H.S.

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

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Enclosures